Lillian Bryan was born in Aurora, IL. Her family moved to Chicago when she was two years old. They lived on Sheffield, Ashland, and Winnemac avenues. She graduated from Senn High School in 1924 and took a job as a stenographer. Her young adulthood was tragic in that her sister, brother and mother all died during the time period when she was 15 to 20 years of age. Lillian went to Minnesota on vacation trips with her family. That was how she met her husband, Frank Challeen. Frank & Lillian were married in Chicago and returned to the farm/resort on Rush Lake to live. With no electricity, indoor bathroom, or running water, it was a tough adjustment for a city girl to make. Summers with the resort required long hours and hard work. Music and crafts were Lillian's favorite hobbies. She was an accomplished pianist, having learned from her mother. She served as organist and choir director of the Rush Point Lutheran Church for several years and also served the church in other positions such as secretary. Lillian had beautiful handwriting, was the enumerator for the 1940 Census of Nessel township-Chisago County, and also known for her letter-writing skills. She worked for several years at the Braham Granite Works as a secretary. In later years, she helped organize and was active in the Rush Point Senior Citizen's Club. Lillian had a number of health problems and required surgery on at least three occasions. She also suffered from a series of seizures which she believed was brought on by a blow to the head from a swinging door. After a bout with rheumatic fever, her strength never seemed to return. After Frank died in 1972, Lillian continued to live alone in the remodeled cabin at Rush Lake until 1983 when another series of seizures left her in a weakened state. She moved into the Masonic Home in Bloomington where she lived until her death from multiple myeloma in 1987 at age 78.

Lillian Bryan Challeen - 1928

## GENERATION NO. 2

**2. Gordon Ellis[2] CHALLEEN** [c] (Frank[1]) was born 9 Feb 1931 at Rush Point, Chisago, MN. He married **Joan ZAHAROPOULOS** [d] 18 Dec 1955 at Chicago, Cook, Illinois. She was born 8 Oct 1936 at Chicago, Cook, IL, the daughter of Anthony Fotios ZAHAROPOULOS and Mary TOULOUSIS.

They had 3 children:

4. M i. Michael Alan CHALLEEN
5. F ii. Kathryn Ellen CHALLEEN
6. F iii. Linda Ann CHALLEEN

Gordy has resided most of his adult life in Inver Grove Heights, MN. He was born and raised on the family farm and resort on Rush Lake in Chisago County. He attended District 26 (Goebel grade school) near Rush Point and was confirmed at the Lutheran Church there. Gordy graduated from Braham High School in 1949 where he participated in sports, music, journalism and drama activities. After high school, he worked for a year at the Cambridge State Hospital as a caretaker of retarded patients and then transferred to the St. Peter State Hospital where he worked while attending Gustavus Adolphus College, graduating with a B.S. degree in Chemistry in 1957. He served two years in the U. S. Army (1954-56) and was stationed in downtown Chicago where he met and married his wife, Joan. In 1957, he started work with the 3M Company in St. Paul and remained in their employ for 36 years working in Quality Assurance laboratories. He worked in the field of Imaging Sciences mainly testing and evaluation of copy machine products and later photographic films and cameras.

Gordon & Joan Challeen - 1955